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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISIT TO EAST TIMOR

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1. USUN HAS CONSULTED AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, FRENCH, AND JAPANESE MISSIONS ABOUT EXPECTED PGET INVITATIONS TO COMMITTEE OF 24, SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF JAKARTA DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO VISIT EAST TIMOR ON MAY 31.

2. (A) AUSTRALIA'S MISSION EXPECTS A TWO-MAN PGET DELEGATION, INCLUDING MARIO CARASCALAO (REF B), TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, MAY 24. PURPOSE WILL BE TO INVITE COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION AND UNSYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE THROUGH UNSYG WALDHEIM TO VISIT EAST TIMOR TO WITNESS FINAL ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY PEOPLES ASSEMBLY ON MAY 31. AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE COMMITTEE OF 24 WILL DECLINE INVITATION BECAUSE INDONESIAN FORCES REMAIN IN EAST TIMOR AND BECAUSE INVITATION RELATES ONLY TO FINAL ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. AUSTRALIANS REPORT CARASCALAO NOW IN GENEVE MEETING WINSPEARE.

(B) AUSTRALIA'S MISSION CONTINUED THAT AUSTRALIA HAD BEEN

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URGING INDONESIA TO ENCOURAGE PGET TO INVITE COMMITTEE OF 24

MISSION TO VISIT EAST TIMOR TO OBSERVE SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS PRESUMABLY NOW UNDERWAY AS PEOPLES ASSEMBLY BEING CHOSEN. COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM HAD INDICATED TO AUSTRALIANS RECENTLY THAT HE WOULD FAVOR VISIT TO EAST TIMOR BY COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION IF MISSION WERE TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL AREAS OF EAST TIMOR AND TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE AREA. AUSTRALIANS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE OF 24, SAID 3- MEMBER COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE COMMUNIST OR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP REPRESENTATIVES.

(C) AUSTRALIANS SAID PROJECTED LLST OF INVITEES FROM JAKARTA DIPLOMATIC CORPS INCLUDED MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, JAPAN, INDIA, PAKISTAN, YUGOSLAVIA, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, U.S., USSR, FRANCE, THE UK, AND PROBABLY SOME OTHERS. AUSTRALIA'S MISSION STATES AUSTRALIA WAS UNDECIDED AS TO ACCEPTANCE. AUSTRALIANS EXPECTED LARGE BODY OF PRESS REPRESENTATIVES PLUS AT LEAST ASEANS, JAPAN, INDIA, AND PAKISTAN TO ACCEPT.

(D) AUSTRALIA,S MISSION SAID THAT IT DID NOT GREATLY FAVOR INVITATIONS TO DIPLOMATS IN JAKARTA BUT THAT INDONESIANS HAD NOT BEEN HEEDING AUSTRALIA'S ADVICE ON EAST TIMOR. AUSTRALIANS EMPHASIZED TO US THAT EAST TIMOR REMAINED AND WOULD REMAIN HIGHLY POLITICAL SUBJECT IN AUSTRALIA.

3. UK - UK MISSION BELIEVED PRESENCE OF INDONESIAN FORCES IN EAST TIMOR WOULD LEAD COMMITTEE OF 24 AND WINSPEARE TO DECLINE INVITATIONS FOR MAY 31. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, UK MISSION ADDED THAT IT BELIEVED INVITATION TO UK EMBASSY IN JAKARTA SHOULD BE DECLINED.

4. FRANCE - FRENCH MISSION HAD NO WORD REGARDING INVITATION TO JAKARTA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

5. JAPAN - JAPANESE MISSION UNDERSTOOD, ON BASIS CABLE FROM JAPAN'S EMBASSY IN JAKARTA, THAT INVITATIONS WERE INTENDED FOR "NUMBER TWO" MEN IN JAKARTA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. JAPANESE MISSION DID NOT KNOW TOKYO'S POSITION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE. IT SAID IT WOULD TRY TO LET US KNOW.

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